

### **REMARKS**

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 46 and 55-67 will be pending. Claims 22-31, 39-41, 44, 45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been canceled. The specification has been amended to delete recitation of specific gravity units. No new matter has been added.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has stated that claims 46 and 55-67 are allowed. *See*, Office Action at page 19.

#### **Specification**

The specification has been objected to due to informalities. *See*, Office Action at page 2. The specification has been amended herein as suggested by the Examiner. This objection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

#### **Claim Objections**

Claim 22 is objected to due to informalities. *See*, Office Action at page 2. Claim 22 has been canceled herein. Thus, this objection is moot and should be withdrawn.

#### **Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph**

Claims 22-30, 40-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. *See*, Office Action at page 3. Claims 22-30, 40-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

#### **Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph**

Claims 22-31, 39-41, 44-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. *See*, Office Action at page 6. Claims 22-31, 39-41, 44-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

**Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**


Claims 22-30, 40-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soon-Shiong (USPN 5,560,933) in view of Harris ("Quantitative Chemical Analysis," 4<sup>th</sup> ed., W. H. Freeman and Co.: 1995, pp 26). *See*, Office Action at pages 7-8. Claims 31 and 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Soon-Shiong (USPN 5,560,933) in view of Kim (WO 94/26250) and Harris ("Quantitative Chemical Analysis," 4<sup>th</sup> ed., W. H. Freeman and Co.: 1995, pp 26), and further in view of Russell *et al.*, 1999 Bone Marrow Transplantation, 24: 1177-1183 and Vook (US Publication No. 2003/0129233). Claims 22-30, 31, 39, 40-45, 47-50, and 52-54 have been canceled. Thus, these rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the application are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, and prompt issuance of a notice of allowance. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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